

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Applicant : Vidal, et al.

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Docket No. 519-014-USP

REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.41

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.41, Applicant files this Reply Brief in response to Examiner's Answer dated January 16, 2007.

Status of Claims

Appellant submits this Reply to notify the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences that Appellant has filed an Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b) in light of Examiner's withdrawal of the rejection of claim 34. In that response, the Appellant has amended the claims to put claim 34 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim.

Argument

Although Appellant has amended the independent claims by way of the Amendment filed under 37 C.F.R § 41.33(b) in order to advance prosecution, Appellant maintains its arguments set forth in the Appeal Brief traversing the rejections of the claims as unamended, and reserves its right to continue to appeal the claims if they are again rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

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